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Re Patent no. 6,077,422 Titled – Liquid filtering apparatus

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I am writing regarding a Notice of Patent Expiration I have just received. It was sent to my old address at Avalon even though I sent a change of address by registered mail to the USPTO last April (see enclosed) – it was very fortunate that the householder there was able to forward it onto me.

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Yours Sincerely

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